(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Independent monitoring agencies to monitor NREG programme

365. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prime Minister had called for effective monitoring and implementation of flagship programmes like NREGP launched under his Ministry;

(b) if so, how many programmes under the Ministry are in place and what is status of fund allocation/utilization by all States;

(c) what is status of monitoring of such programmes at the State and district level;

(d) whether Government plan to have independent monitoring agencies to monitor these programmes; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Ministry of Rural Development through State Governments and Union Territory Administrations implements a number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes for poverty alleviation, employment generation, creation of rural infrastructure and providing basic amenities for people living in rural areas of the country. The programmes are Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY), National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP), Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), Integrated Wastelands Management Programme (IWMP), which includes Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) and Integrated Wastelands Development Programme. Against the revised estimates of Rs. 75154.35 crore for the schemes of the Ministry of Rural Development for the current year (2008-09), the Ministry has utilized Rs. 51683.76 crore up to 31.01.2009 by releasing funds to various States for their implementation.

With a view to monitor various programmes the Ministry has developed a comprehensive system of monitoring the implementation and impact of the programmes including utilization of funds through Monthly/Quarterly Progress Reports, on line reporting, MIS, Performance Review Committee, Area Officer's Scheme, Vigilance and Monitoring Committee at the State/District Level with greater involvement of Members of Parliament, National Level Monitors to monitor

quality of work, adherence to implementation of schemes as per programme guidelines. Expenditure under various programmes is monitored based on utilisation certificates submitted by the implementing agencies. Presently independent third party monitoring is done by National Level Monitors.

(e) Does not arise in view of the above.

Bridge on Mathred river in Chirgaon Tehsil of Shimla

366. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether assurance was given for the repair/construction of pucca bridge on Mathred river that connects villages Nandla and other villages in Tehsil Chirgaon of Shimla district in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that despite the assurance in the Parliament no repair work has been carried out so far and there is a threat to the life of people who use the bridge; and

(c) whether Government propose to fix the responsibility on the officials for such criminal negligence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry however, submitted an Implementation Report in fulfillment of the Assurance on 12.7.2007.

(b) and (c) Current status of the bridge is being ascertained from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Irregularities and bungling in NREG scheme in Himachal Pradesh

367. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of complaints regarding serious irregularities in the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS);

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether any cases of tempering with NREG Scheme records and forged muster rolls with fake attendance of labourers have been detected from an enquiry conducted by a SDM in Himachal Pradesh;

(d) if so, the names and designations of the persons involved; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the persons responsible for these irregularities and bungling in NREG Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A total of 184 such complaints have been received from 18 States. Names of the States and the number of complaints received from each State are as under: